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State revokes, suspends licenses, certifications, registrations of health care providers

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Department of Health has revoked or suspended the licenses, certifications, or registrations of health care providers in our state. The department has also immediately suspended the credentials of people who have been prohibited from practicing in other states.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Office works with boards, commissions and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency's website. Click on "Provider Credential Search" on the left hand side of the [Department of Health home page](http://www.doh.wa.gov) (www.doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Douglas County

In August of 2011 the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission entered into an agreement with registered nurse **Eric T. Erickson** (RN00163692) under which his credential is indefinitely suspended. Erickson diverted Percocet for his personal use.

Island County

In August of 2011 the Department of Health withdrew a statement of charges against mental health counselor **Gail Warren** (LH00004699).

King County

In July of 2011 the Medical Quality Assurance Commission permanently revoked the credential of physician **Richard T. Adamson** (MD00019594), who had sex with two patients and violated other physician-patient boundaries.

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In July of 2011 the Medical Quality Assurance Commission entered into an agreement with physician **Michael E. Greer** (MD00019765) under which he voluntarily surrendered his credential with no right to reapply. After agreeing not to do so, Greer prescribed thyroid medication for weight loss without performing appropriate testing.

In July of 2011 the Board of Pharmacy indefinitely suspended the credential of pharmacy assistant **Carol E. Argosino** (VB00071712), who failed to respond after being charged with diverting hydrocodone from the pharmacy where she worked.

Klickitat County

In July of 2011 the Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Systems programs entered into an agreement with emergency medical technician **Dennis J. Kleffner** (ES01175289) under which his credential is indefinitely suspended. Kleffner forged a signature on his application for recertification.

Lewis County

In July of 2011 the Department of Health entered into an agreement with certified nursing assistant **Drasilla M. O’Camb** (NC10101170) under which her credential is suspended for at least nine months. While working at a long-term care facility, O’Camb took money from a resident’s room without permission.

In July of 2011 the Department of Health suspended for at least two years the certified nursing assistant credential of **Sherry Lynn Smith** (NC10030948), who failed to respond to an inquiry after accepting money for her personal use from a patient.

Mason County

In July of 2011 the Department of Health suspended for at least two years the registered nursing assistant credential of **Talitha Gayle Gullett** (NA60110277), who was charged with third-degree theft after taking two gift cards that belonged to a patient and using them for her own benefit.

Pierce County

In July of 2011 the Medical Quality Assurance Commission withdrew a statement of charges against physician **Nick W. Uruga** (MD00015616) after Uruga died.

In July of 2011 the Department of Health entered into an agreement with certified nursing assistant **Alena D. Alves** (NC10045511) under which her credential is suspended for at least a year. Alves took a patient’s cell phone for her personal use.

In August of 2011 the Department of Health suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant **Susanne Martina Obado** (NC60133659) until she agrees to comply with a previous stipulation.

Snohomish County

In July of 2011 the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of registered nurse **Bridget T. Magwood** (RN00114871), who failed to comply with a previous order.

Spokane County

In July of 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program indefinitely suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant **David Edward Harrison** (NC60185172), who failed to comply with a previous agreement.

Out of State

Idaho: In August of 2011 the Board of Pharmacy withdrew a statement of charges against pharmacy technician **Sarah M. Green** (VA60011002).

Massachusetts: In August of 2011 the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission immediately suspended the credential of licensed practical nurse **Anthony K. Ngurimu** (LP60123582) after the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Nursing suspended his credential to practice in that state.

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